Foreign investment proposals for Tamil Nadu

@@@ 989. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) how many proposals have so far been approved by Government as recommended by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB), details thereof ; and

(b) out of the above how many proposals are for Tamil Nadu ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Since the announcement of the New Industrial Policy, 568 proposals recommended by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board have been approved by the Government till October, 1993. These proposals envisage total foreign direct investment of Rs. 8678.96 crores. The proposals which have been cleared are in areas such as engineering goods, machinery items, electronics, software, chemicals, petroleum products, textiles, food processing industries, fermentation industries, granites and ceramics, rubber & leather goods, power generation equipment, Automobiles, hospitals, hotels and tourism related industry.

(b) Foreign collaboration approvals generally do not indicate location of the projects to be set up under the collaboration and accordingly, details of industrial projects set up with foreign collaboration specific to a location are not centrally maintained.

Acceptance of foreign investment proposals

@@@@ 990. SHRI BHUBNESWARA KALITA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of foreign investment proposals accepted during the current financial year ;

(b) the total investment proposed ; and

(c) the areas for which the aboveinvestment is earmarked ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) During the current financial year (i.e. April—October, 1993), 461 proposals envisaging foreign direct investment of Rs. 4010.13 crores have been approved. The proposals which have been approved are in areas such as software, electronics, engineering industries, chemicals, petroleum products, food processing and agro-based industries, fermentation industries automobiles, granites and ceramics, service sectors, hotels & tourism-related industries etc.

Toll Tax levied by State Government

991. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHI NANDAN JAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that he has described the Toll Tax levied by the State Governments as illegal ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Governments of Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Orissa have been charging Toll Tax despite the above opinion ; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure that the State Governments abide by the decision of the Union law Minister ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) Opinion tendered by the Department of Legal Affairs to Ministries/Departments of the Government of India are treated as confidential in nature.

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